

STATE OF VERMONT
HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

In re)	Fair Hearing No. 11,403
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Appeal of)	
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INTRODUCTION

The petitioner appeals the decision by the Department of Social Welfare denying her general assistance (GA) for rent the petitioner expected to incur one month from the date of her application.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The petitioner is a single women in her 50's who recently moved to Vermont from Wyoming. She applied for GA on July 17, 1992. At that time the Department determined that the petitioner faced a "catastrophic situation" because she had had to leave her last job in Wyoming due to illness. The Department gave the petitioner expedited food stamps, GA for personal needs, and one months rent at a motel commencing August 5, 1992.

The petitioner appealed when the Department did not provide her with another month of rent, which the petitioner expected to need as of September 4, 1992.

At the hearing in this matter (held on August 25, 1992) the petitioner stated that she was looking for work but was having trouble finding any. She admitted that she would not have to make another rental payment until September 4, 1992.

The petitioner was advised that she should reapply for GA a few days before September 4, 1992, if her situation does not change.

ORDER

The Department's decision is affirmed.

REASONS

Welfare Assistance Manual (W.A.M.) § 2613.1 provides that GA payments for housing "may be authorized for the current mortgage or rental period only and shall not be authorized or issued prior to the due date for that period".

Inasmuch as the Department's decision in this case is in accord with the regulations, the board is bound to affirm. 3. V.S.A. § 3091(d) and Fair Hearing Rule No. 19.

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